



# WOOLMAN

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## **Woolman Arts - Elemental After School Art Educator Assistant / Paid Intern Job Description**

Woolman is an educational nonprofit situated on Nisenan land. The rural campus of forest, trails, streams, meadows, ponds, orchard, and an organic farm provides a backdrop for programs and retreats. Woolman strives to be a place where everyone experiences radical acceptance for who they are, is treated with dignity and respect, and is surrounded by the physically, mentally, and spiritually healing power of nature.

Woolman Arts emerged with the belief that being creative is a defining feature of being human. Our ability to be creative can spark joy, solve problems, connect people, offer unique perspectives and give new voice. Woolman Arts is a multifaceted, evolving program that serves to support and nurture creative exploration and expression among artists of all ages and skill levels. This program currently consists of adult and youth workshops, after-school programming, and a spring break day camp.

Elemental After School & Elemental Day Camp are a key part of Woolman Arts. Activities are rooted in the elements Earth, Air, Fire and Water, and incorporate arts programming with a focus on experiential learning, collaborative building, skills development, and connection to the land and its history. Children ages 6-12 will participate in four 90-minute workshops each month. Programming will run throughout the school year and will include a day camp offered during spring break, comprising five full days of arts programming covering similar material with an immersive camper experience.

Elemental After School will balance collaborative and individual creative activities aimed at fostering a safe, engaging, and inclusive environment for growth, exploration and play. Programming will introduce and develop new skills through progressive and cumulative activities; practice collaborative brainstorming, design, making, and reflection through group projects that build upon previously learned skills while applying them to collaborative processes; encourage the development of leadership skills, critical thinking, creative problem solving, and self reflection; expose participants to local landscapes, cultures, ecosystems, and artists through a creative lens, encouraging understanding of how these elements connect and support each other.

Examples of collaborative activities are building a cob oven and solar oven, creating murals, storytelling, cultivating a garden, mapmaking, and zine creation. Individual activities may include ceramics, cyanotypes, dyeing, papermaking, kites, beeswax sculpting, quilting, weaving, and much more!

Programming will be enhanced by Guest Teaching Artists, contracted for at least one session per month and twice during spring break camp. Contractors will be sourced locally and bring unique arts expertise and knowledge about Nevada County and its cultural practices.

A key element of this program is to engage and mentor an Art Educator Assistant, a paid intern that will report to the Programs Director and be trained as an arts educator. Individuals ages 18-24 who identify as artists and are looking to expand their creative skills as well as develop skills as educators are welcome to apply. This role offers an opportunity to practice artmaking and teaching, grow leadership skills, and gain valuable experience developing workshops, planning lessons, and managing groups of younger children through creative processes. Time will be allotted for direct mentorship, goal setting and reflection.

**Qualifications/Skills Required:**

- Age 18-24
- Identify as an artist, craftsperson, and/or creative
- Interest in arts education, STEM education, early childhood development, outdoor education and/or environmental education
- Excellent communication skills, high level of organization and planning
- Professionalism, flexibility, and humor in an educational setting
- Interest in developing and sharing creative skill sets with youth and fellow employees
- Racially literate, gender inclusive and committed to equity and inclusion in all areas
- Able to pass a criminal background check
- Ability to work legally in the United States

**Qualifications/Skills Desired:**

- Previous experience working with children age 6-12
- Previous experience in a range of art and craft mediums
- CPR / AED / First Aid certified

**Duration:**

- January 2023 - Dec 2024 (no programming June - August); shorter commitment periods may be considered; please reach out if you are interested but need a shorter internship.
- After School: 12 hrs per month, September - May
- Day Camp: April 3rd-7th, 9am - 5pm, plus additional & flexible pre-camp prep hours
- Potential for employment during Woolman residential summer camp programming

**Compensation:**

- Part time, non-exempt
- Paid hourly at a rate of \$20/hour

**To apply:**

Please send resume and cover letter summarizing relevant experience and interest to Program Director Morgan Street ([morgans@woolman.org](mailto:morgans@woolman.org)) with the subject line "Elemental After School, Art Educator Assistant"